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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Illinois Wesleyan University Board of Trustees President Craig C. Hart announced the naming of the IWU quadrangle as "The Eckley Quadrangle" in honor of former president Dr. Robert S. Eckley and his wife, Nell.

The announcement was made at IWU's annual President's Club dinner, Saturday evening, June 27, 1998.

President of IWU for 18 years (1968-1986) and an Emeritus member of the IWU Board of Trustees, Eckley, and his wife, received a plaque that will be placed on the quad as a tribute for their tireless efforts in restoring the once prairie-like grounds to their current beauty.

In the 1950s a Dutch Elm disease eliminated almost all of the trees on the campus. It was through the efforts of the Eckleys, who worked with landscape architect Nelva Weber Sammataro, a 1931 graduate of IWU, that two streets were closed and the current design of the quadrangle was created. The approximately \$100,000 landscaping project brought 600 new trees to the campus and resulted in the university receiving a 1978 Bloomington beautification award.
